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SUBJECT: FIRST RACIAL VIOLENCE IN DOWNTOWN JOHANNESBURG

RACIAL VIOLENCE OCCURRED IN JOHANNESBURG TODAY (SEPTEMBER 23) AS POLICE MOVED IN TO DISPERSE A BLACK DEMONSTRATION IN A DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL AREA. POLICE DISPERSED CROWD, ESTIMATED AT SEVERAL HUNDRED BLACKS, WHEN BLACKS BEGAN BREAKING STOREFRONT WINDOWS. POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY TEN BLACK MALES, APPARENTLY INDISCRIMINATELY, AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHO WAS THROWING ROCKS. IT DID NOT APPEAR EXCESSIVE FORCE WAS USED AND NO SHOTS WERE FIRED. TENSION WAS HIGH AT SCENE WITH POSSIBILITY OF MORE ARRESTS. INCIDENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ISOLATED AS REST OF CITY REMAINS CALM, ALTHOUGH NEWS OF DEMONSTRATION TRANSMITTED QUICKLY THROUGHOUT AREA.

COMMENT: BPAO WAS INFORMED EVENING BEFORE (SEPTEMBER 22) THAT BLACK STUDENT LEADERS IN SOWETO WERE PLANNING DOWNTOWN INCIDENT.

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